

Dear Market Advisory Committee,

Thank you for your work to help implement California's Global Warming Solutions Act. However, I believe a cap-and-trade system will not work as the primary mechanism to address Global Warming. The reasons are below and in a following email.

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Sincerely,

Roland James Santa Rosa

Climate, Class, and Claptrap-Garret Keizer, Harpers June 07

"...Gore, this patrician prophet of global catastrophe, this millionaire former candidate for president...actually lives in a big house. And he uses a lot of electricity too! [and, of course, we in US expect him to live like a rich guy]

This pretense of not knowing what every idiot knows has increasingly come to define our national discourse.

...also characterizes the burgeoning acknowledgment of global warming [though not even mentioned in recent EJ Dionne column on views of presidential candidates], the willingness to grant that a crisis exists even as our key players scramble to guarantee that every systemic cause of that crisis remains intact. [...SSU's recent announcement of a wine MBA for the 'increasingly global' wine industry, or a new school in Sonoma bringing 10,000 car-racing students, or..., etc, etc....]...

To quote Mr. Gore, global climate change is "not a political issue; it is a moral issue," glad tidings of great joy to souls weary of such crassly political issues

[as NAFTA, still supported by Gore, being a boon for the Richistan segments of US and Mexico and disastrous for the lower 50-80% of workforces of Mexico and US] and who can now devote their energies to transcendently moral issues like the daytime highs in Chattanooga....

The unquestioned belief that the answer to very human dilemma

and desire is a gizmo...any mention of conservation and the quick segue to something sexier: that is, to something you can buy and sell...."What in it for me?"...if you are affluent... will come in the form of carbon trading, a shell game allowing polluters to purchase "offsets" in green-energy production [essentially the only response in Ca and in US Congress]....

According to **Dan Dudek, chief economist for the advocacy group Environmental Defense**, "the beauty of carbon trading is that it has the potential to harness a primal human impulse-greed-and redirect it toward saving the planet."

Perhaps this is not the same greed that inspired ExxonMobil to wage a campaign of disinformation about climate change. [or the same greed involved in electricity deregulation in Ca, which was also pushed by Dudek and ED] .....

If I sound bitter [Keizer doesn't sound nearly as bitter as some of the representatives of the 5 billion people who live on less than \$10 per day], it is partly because I have been vouchsafed a glimpse of the new carbon-trading world order in the New England villages where I have lived, taught, and buried the dead for close to thirty years, and where any egress from one's house now risks collision with an eco-fluent carpetbagger.

Apparently, this place that has never had much use to the larger world beyond that of hosting a new prison or a solid-waste dump [rich Sonoma County Ca is about to ship its solid waste 140 miles to a poor area] turns out to be an ideal location for an industrial "wind farm," ideal mostly because the people are too few and too poor to offer much in the way of resistance....

And the offset mongers and their green-team lackeys, those whose favorite sneering put-down is "not in my back yard" will be glad to know that none of this--the wind farm, the coal plant it "offsets," or any wasted life that perishes in between--is even close to their back yards.

And the lattes will roll down like waters, and the bullshit like an everflowing stream....

the very notion of convenience upon which our civilization rests is a lie that is killing us. And if you want to see how quickly green can turn yellow, make mention of that abundant, renewable fuel source whose chief emission is human sweat....

you do not repair the climate of an entire planet without staggering sacrifices, and people will not elect to make staggering sacrifices unless the burden is shared with something like parity.

To put that as succinctly as possible, the days of paradise for a few are drawing to a close. The game of finding

someone else in some convenient misery to fight our wars ... and serve as the offset for our every filthy indulgence is just about up. It is either Earth for all of us or hell for most of us. Those are the terms, those have always been the terms, and any approach to climate change that begins on those terms can count me as a loyal partisan. Otherwise, don't expect me to get overly excited as to which side of a [personal tragedy] shows the affluent... a world much hotter than the one they were banking on.

[Vanity Fair June 07 p 225-NRDC trustees Leonardo DiCaprio and Laurie David were co-chairs at this year's dinner honoring Vanity Fair editor Graydon Carter. Also attending RFK, Jr., George Lucas, Diane Sawyer....

Vanity Fair is filled with ads for V-8 SUVs and luxury items for Richistan. Gore attended the Vanity Fair post-Oscar party. Maybe when \$30,000 annual utility bills, \$400 haircuts, and \$55,000 speeches on poverty become regular jokes by Leno, Letterman, Stewart, and Colbert, we will see less....]

## 2. Big toll forecast if warming ignored 6/5 SR PD

"The theme that emerged Monday [June 4 "Climate Protection: Everybody Profits" in Windsor Sonoma County Ca] was that government can only do so much and it is up to individuals to take responsibility, for example by reducing their solo car trips." [clark.mason@pressdemocrat.com](mailto:clark.mason@pressdemocrat.com) 6/5/07

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[Carbon sequestration and other magic bullet technical solutions always seem to be a decade or two on the horizon.

Even though human beings have only been on earth a fraction of a second if one compacted the 4+ billion years of Earth history into the 7 days of creation of Genesis, humans believe they are entitled to another fuel as energy dense, convenient, and flexible as oil, which on its good side is black gold. Now we have the converging catastrophes of oil depletion, Global Climate Chaos, and the the war response to oil by US especially. A major part of the answer has to be to include EXTERNALITIES, especially carbon dioxide, in the price or tax of fossil fuels. This is what Europe and Japan have begun to do over the last 3 decades, and they have energy intensity of 1/3 to 1/2 percapita that of US-with higher life satisfaction levels than US. ]

Also, SHUCK AND JIVE-HOW INDUSTRY AND POLITICIANS  
ARE HARVESTING ETHANOL FOR ALL IT IS WORTH

Utne May-June 07 p 8&9 by R. Clarren of Fund for Investigative Journalism

From: EnergyBiz Insider Date: 2007/06/06 Subject: Coal-to-Liquids is Doable

[www.energycentral.com/site/newsletters/ebi.cfm?id=334](http://www.energycentral.com/site/newsletters/ebi.cfm?id=334)

Ken Silverstein EnergyBiz Insider Editor-in-Chief

Coal-to-Liquids is Doable [industry perspective]

[but shouldn't be done w/o carbon sequestration, which is very expensive now]

The United States is increasing its dependence on foreign oil at a time when its own production is

down by 40 percent from the previous two decades. That's why Congress is considering giving

incentives to developers to come with up with alternative fuel forms that have the potential to pollute less.

Major oil companies and private enterprises are working on a series of technologies that turn

coal to liquids. The idea is to take an abundant resource such as coal and gasify it....

Coal liquefaction is a technology that takes a solid such as coal and breaks it down to form a fuel oil. To do so, it removes all the toxins such as mercury, sulfur and heavy metals.

But, the process does nothing to reduce carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the emission that is tied to global warming. And in a typical coal-to-liquids plant, about 40 percent of the energy is lost in the conversion process.

["SSU to offer wine industry MBA...for roles in increasingly global business" SR Press Democrat 5/30/07 pE1 by K. McCallum:"...include 'Sustainability in the Wine and Hospitality Industry'..."

In a world of Global Climate Chaos, are not "global" and "sustainability" for a product like wine oxymoronic? Shouldn't the drinking of local wines be encouraged? Maybe SSU could have a program for people who want to work with wine-making cooperatives around the world?]

From: [Greg Haegele, Sierra Club](#) Sent: June 07, 2007

Subject: Help Beat Global Warming - One Home at a Time

[...You can help us spread the word right now about "The 2% Solution" to beat global warming - reducing carbon emissions 80% by 2050, or 2% a year starting now - by supporting our national door-to-door Conservation Outreach Program & its Summer 2007 Global Warming Campaign...](#)

Response from Roland James:

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Give the people going door to door a "hammer of justice" rather than a fly-swatter.

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